

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 12, 2009.

Claims 1, 17 and 25 are objected to because of informalities.

Claims 1, 17 and 25 have been replaced with new claims 32, 33 and 34 and are believed to not have these problems.

Claims 1, 17 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements.

Claims 32, 33 and 34 are believed to not have these problems.

Claims 1-8 and 25-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention lacks tangible result.

Claims 1-8 and 25-31 have been amended

Claims 9-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claim 32 includes the feature that “the system includes at least one processor”.

Claim 33 includes the feature that “implementing is done on at least one processor”.

Claim 34 includes the feature that “the steps are implemented on at least one processor”.

For this reason, these claims are believed to be statutory.

Claims 1-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Huang et al., “Agent-based workflow management in collaborative product development on the Internet”, Computer-Aided Design, 32, 2000, pages 133-144.

Claims 3, 5, 11, 13, 19, 21, 26 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang, et al., and in further view of Tolksdorf, “Workspaces: A Web-Based Workflow Management System”, IEEE Internet Computing, 2002.

Claims 33, 34 and 35 have been written to avoid the cited prior art. In particular, the claims include the feature that “the workflow is accessed by the control and wherein the page group allows the control to be integrated into a portal and thus forms a user interface for the control” and is believed to not be shown or made obvious by the cited prior art.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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